

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in opposition to the application of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations.

Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile's U.S. operation and AT&T Inc. are the only two providers in the United States of GSM coverage, with very few exceptions. Having the entire GSM infrastructure of the United States owned by a single corporation would "restrain trade or commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations", a violation of United States law ([http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/15/usc\\_sec\\_15\\_00000001----000-.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/15/usc_sec_15_00000001----000-.html)).

What makes this all the more worrisome is that such service is a basic utility to many Americans. Many Americans rely on cellular networks for basic communication with others. AT&T Inc. also provides DSL internet, TV, and home phone that many citizens and other businesses rely on.

The creation of a super-large telecommunication corporation presents a risk not only to the telecommunication industry, but to our entire economy. If such a corporation were to, for whatever reason, suddenly discontinue service, businesses that rely on GSM cell lines and more than half of American citizens that rely on cell service risk not being able to communicate. It's not hard to imagine such an event causing a ripple effect in the stocks market. In essence, such a large, interconnected corporation would be "too big to fail".

Such "too big to fail" corporations dominates a market to the extent that every action they take has an effect on the market. They are able to dictate market conditions beyond what would occur in a competitive environment.

Already, AT&T Inc. and other telecommunication companies have used their place as oligarchs to dictate market condition beyond competitive levels. SMS messages are severely overpriced (<http://gthing.net/the-true-price-of-sms-messages>). Our infrastructure is far inferior to other nations (<http://gigaom.com/2009/02/01/by-2012-koreans-will-get-a-gigabit-per-second-broadband-connection/>). Customers are being price gouged (AT&T Inc. has a \$75 plan for, 200mb data, 450min voice, 0 SMS. O2 has a \$66 plan for 500mb data, 600 min, unlimited SMS, and no charge for incoming calls). Allowing this transfer of control would allow AT&T Inc. to further dictate market conditions away from a competitive level.

It is for this reason that I oppose the application of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations.

Sincerely,  
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